FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK: Mayor Brent K. Marshall January 2013

Light Parade. Our first annual light parade was very well received by those that watched it and participated in it. Isn't it great to live in a community where things like this can happen a great evening in a wonderful community. Eleven awards were given out for different categories from Judges Choice to Fun Lovers. I would like to thank those that participated in the parade and hope that in the following years we have more participants. I received some suggestions to make the parade coincide with the Santa Parade and Lighting Ceremony of the Academy Square Park. We appreciate any suggestions or comments to make the light parade more successful and to get more individuals or businesses to participate.

Recycling of Green Waste. Starting in January 2, 2013, Miller Motorsports Park will be accepting yard waste for free recycling. In an effort to reduce the amount of water they use for dust control on their dirt tracks, they will be making their own mulch which will be raked into the tracks; this will significantly reduce the amount of dust they kick up along with their dependency for water. Please bring your yard clippings, Christmas trees, tree limbs, bushes, etc. to Miller Motorsports Park. The drop off location is on Sheep Lane, on the east side of the road "Desert Course", it is free and open Wednesday-Sunday from 7am – 7pm. For further information please contact Shayne Bowen, Facility Operations Manager at the Miller Motorsports Park (801) 928-3355 or (435) 277-8000.

Library Update. The completion date of the library is going to go beyond the contracted date of December 31st. Construction completion is scheduled for the end of January, early February. There has been some construction issues arise that has complicated the schedule. We want to make sure that the building is a quality building and that we get what we are paying for. It is our desire to open the library as soon as possible around early spring. We are working on setting up a library board and would like those interested in serving to fill out an application located on the back of this letter. The library board will be required to attend training and meetings. There will be an interview conducted for those that would like to participate on the library board. The library board will be a voluntary board and will not receive compensation. The board duties include: establishing policies and procedures for the library, presenting an annual report to the governing body of the status of the library, serving as an advocate for the Grantsville Library and an ambassador for library service at every opportunity, promoting library services and needs within the constituency of the library.

2011-2012 Independent Audit. We received our yearly audit report which was very favorable. We can all be proud of the audit report that was given. By only having three minor findings, none of which were repeat findings from previous audits, it confirms our belief that we have made a lot of progress in strengthening our internal controls and that our books are in order. Our revenues and expenditures have been well documented and supported.

It would be my New Year's wish to all to take time to reflect and be thankful, to pray for and cherish peace, love and goodwill, and enjoy the many blessings that God has bestowed upon each of us. May peace be in your life and in the lives of those you love. I hope that your new year is prosperous and good health will follow you. May God Bless you throughout the year!

If you have any suggestions to make our community a better place, please feel free to contact me at City Hall (435) 884-3411. I appreciate all the support from the community and will continue to strive to make Grantsville the best City to live in.